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BOROUGH GOSSIP

BROOKLYN SOCIETY

Children Who Are Weakly to Study in the Open Air.

Brooklyn is experimenting with fresh air schools. One has just been opened in Public School 102, at St. Nicholas and Williams avenues. In the weather the children will study on the roof. On other days a room on the top floor, with large open windows, will be used. Children who are weakly will make up the classes. The first class, ungraded, is made up of pupils ranging in age from five to fourteen. The Committee on Tuberculosis is interested in the experiment. Other classes of the same kind may be started in various parts of the borough.

As a memorial to J. Edward Swanson, who was the second President of the borough, a stone seat will be placed in the park opposite the Borough Hall at a cost of \$500. More than \$1,000 already has been subscribed. The executive committee of the memorial committee is soliciting subscriptions. A meeting will be held tomorrow afternoon in the Borough Hall for the reception of reports.

Charles Spencer, of No. 722 Dean street, was charged recently with assault in the Flatbush court by Miss Henrietta Jackson, of the same address. "Tell the truth," ordered Magistrate Dodd. "You've hurt my feelings, your honor," said Spencer. "I have said I didn't assault her, and I told the truth." "Well, what did you do?" "I only kicked her in the face," said Spencer, who was held in \$500 bail for Special Sessions.

Arrangements already are being made for the great military mass which is celebrated annually on the campus of the marine barracks in the navy yard, under the auspices of Gloucester Command, United States War Veterans, in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus. The mass this year will be held on Memorial Sunday, May 28. The ceremony is dedicated to the memory of the dead sailors, marines and soldiers of the nation. Last summer the ceremony was attended by nearly twenty-five thousand persons.

What is known as the Tower House is the oldest building on Park Slope. The structure, built by a German, was patterned on the style of a mansion on the Rhine. The Tower House now is occupied by J. D. Brooks. The building takes its name from a tower which forms a part of its facade. A great elm tree reaches higher than the tower itself, and adds a touch of picturesque to the quaint old house. Overlooking the ground on the eastern side of the house are several balconies.

Near this house was the large estate of the Litchfield family, whose property included a part of what now is Prospect Park. The Litchfield mansion still stands on a knoll in the park. The building, once the scene of gay gatherings, now is used as a police station, and contains the offices of the Park Commissioner. Miles O'Reilly, who is the police captain there, has plenty of time now to talk of the days, when he was a Union soldier or to tell his friends about some of the sensational arrests he made some forty years ago.

To Brooklyn boys there is something attractive about Thomas Warren, the trapper, of Prospect Park. Rifle, gun and trap are his stock in trade. He is the official pest exterminator of the park, and Brooklyn boys imagine that the squirrels chirp in a chorus of gratitude for his protection. Cats suffer when "Dead Shot Tom" makes his rounds through the wide ranges of the park. As a hunter in the Jersey woods Warren got his training. His pay is \$17.50 a week.

In the last twelve months Warren has killed hundreds of hawks, cats, rats, owls and ground moles. He is also the official feeder of the park squirrels.

FINDS WORK FOR SCHOOLBOYS

The Scholars' Employment Bureau of Liverpool and Its Objects.

The widespread interest which has been manifested throughout Great Britain in the establishment of labor exchanges, whereby the supply and demand of labor are more easily regulated, makes the experiment of the Liverpool education committee, in the establishment of a scholars' employment bureau of more than ordinary importance.

Vice-Consul Stephenson writes: "This movement has been brought about by the observation that over 90 per cent of the relief granted in this district was to casual laborers at the age of twenty, the percentage, so the report states, being greater in Liverpool than in any other section of the country. The scholars' employment bureau figures on stopping the cause of the trouble at its source by dealing with the inadequate employment for boys and girls when they leave school."

The scheme is that of having the schoolmaster, who, in conjunction with the education committee, has to do with the child until he is fourteen or so, take what might be called a post-graduate interest in him, whereby he will be placed in a position in which his prospects are better than they would be had he been allowed to seek employment in a casual manner.

"The object of the scheme is to do away with what is called in this country 'blind alley occupations'; that is, those occupations which do not admit of advancement, examples of such being telegraph messenger, errand boys, van boys, etc., the number of these being so great that in two or three years the wage commensurate with the ages of the lads cannot be paid, and the ranks are filled with younger boys, the ones being let out, little if any better off in their position than they were when they entered upon their duties after leaving school."

"Statistics at hand show that out of a total of 905 boys who left the various schools of Liverpool on July 31 last, the scholars' employment bureau had been able to secure positions for 459 of them; for the girls employment was secured for 233 out of a total of 923 who left school on June 30. The employment found for these pupils is of such a nature that there is a future to it, whereby the boy or girl, starting at an early age can work up to the most important positions than where 'blind alley occupations' are entered into."

"The effect of the movement upon the pupils still in school, especially in the lower grades, has been very marked. They are ever on their best behavior in order to get a commendatory certificate which will give them a good start with employers. Parents are now more inclined to leave their boys a little longer at school in order to give the teachers and the education committee a proper opportunity to find a fitting occupation for their children, which will give them an assured future. Cases are reported where parents have changed their own ideas as to the education their children should take up, with the result that the teachers have found a better chance in it than would otherwise have been the case."

"Still another good feature of the scheme, and one entirely of its result, is the stimulus it has given to the teachers in taking in the scheme. The teacher is now in touch with the parent, resulting in close relations between the two, and naturally more interest is being taken by the parent and better work done by the pupils."

Weddings, Engagements and Announcements.

Miss Louisa Man Wingate was married to Dr. John G. Underhill yesterday afternoon in the home of her parents, General and Mrs. George Wood Wingate, No. 1100 Dean street. Invitations had been limited to relatives and close personal friends, not more than a hundred persons being present when the Rev. Frank Maxwell Townley performed the ceremony at 5 o'clock. There were no bridesmaids or ushers, but Dr. Jacques Cortelyou Rushmore acted as best man. The bride's gown of white satin was ornamented with rare old lace given to her as a wedding present by a relative. She wore a tulle veil and carried lilies-of-the-valley. While Miss Wingate has been connected with most of the social organizations of the borough, she has perhaps been most closely affiliated with the Little Italy Settlement, of which she is now president.

Dr. and Mrs. Underhill will sail for Europe next week. They will spend the greater part of the summer abroad. They will make their home with General and Mrs. Wingate.

An important engagement just announced is that of Miss Sara Phillips Colton, daughter of Dr. Frederick H. Colton, of No. 326 Montague street, and the Rev. Dr. Arthur Lincoln Gillett, professor in the Theological Seminary, in Hartford. Dr. Gillett was graduated from Amherst in '80. Miss Colton's sisters are Mrs. Robert Truslow, Mrs. Frank Jenks and Mrs. Alexander Birnie.

The announcement of the engagement of Miss Dorothea van Dyke, made on Wednesday by her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Henry Brooks van Dyke, of Princeton, is of much interest to Brooklyn people, particularly those of the older generation, who remember her grandfather, the Rev. Henry J. van Dyke, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, and her father when he was a student in the Polytechnic Institute. Miss van Dyke's fiancé is Guy Richards McLane, son of Dr. James W. McLane, president of Roosevelt Hospital, and is a graduate of Yale '08.

The persistent overcrowding of the music hall in the Academy of Music by those anxious to hear Dr. van Dyke when he gave his recent course of lectures under the auspices of the Brooklyn Institute strongly attested his popularity in his native city.

A recent engagement of interest on this side of the river is that of Miss Clara Barnes Danforth, daughter of Mrs. Frank Lyman Durnell, of No. 106 Central Park West, and Francis Bacon Hamlin. Mrs. Durnell was Miss Susette Barnes, and for many years a resident of the Heights, where she still has a large circle of friends. Mr. Hamlin, who was graduated from Yale in '06, is the son of the late Rev. Dr. Tunis S. Hamlin, of Washington, and a brother of Elbert B. Hamlin, of Manhattan.

Mrs. Walter S. John Benedict, of No. 75 Columbia Heights, gave a luncheon and bridge on Tuesday for Mrs. Charles Scudder Pool. Her guests were Miss Elizabeth Tousey, Miss Clara Ozden, Mrs. Harold Pratt, Mrs. Robert Low Pierpont, Mrs. W. Sterling Peiers, Mrs. Clive Du Val, Mrs. David W. Roff, Miss Bertha Benedict, Miss Bertha Stockwell, Mrs. George Sheldon Chauncey and Mrs. Calvin Truesdale.

Mrs. Alden S. Swan will entertain at bridge on Tuesday, April 25.

Mrs. Sereno S. Pratt and Miss Winifred Berry Pratt, of No. 194 Cambridge avenue, will be at home on Friday, April 21, from 4 until 7 o'clock.

Mrs. Walter Warren Spadone, of No. 206 New York avenue, will give a bridge party on Wednesday afternoon, April 19. Her daughter, Miss Thyra Male Spadone, will entertain the following afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Winans Freeman, of No. 94 Brooklyn avenue, will give a dance on Easter Monday evening for the young friends of their daughter, Louise Phillips Freeman.

Mrs. Charles W. Visel, of No. 190 Washington Park, gave a luncheon on Wednesday to announce the engagement of her daughter, Miss Beale Visel, and Clarence Howard Montgomery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Howard Montgomery, of No. 206 Washington Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Howard Montgomery announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Florence Estelle Montgomery.

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MISS CLARA BARNES DANFORTH, WHOSE ENGAGEMENT TO FRANCIS BACON HAMLIN WAS RECENTLY ANNOUNCED.

Dr. N. McGee Waters performed the ceremony at 7:30 o'clock. A small reception followed. Miss Kitchell's attendants were Miss Edna Lantry, Miss Mabel McLaughlin and Miss Florence Miller. They wore flower bordered chiffon, each being over a different rainbow shade of satin. The bride's gown was of white satin, with garlands of rose and duchess lace. She carried lilies-of-the-valley and orchids. Charles H. Hurst acted as best man. William Jefferson Kitchell, a nephew of the bride, attended as page.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Edith Gilman Platt, daughter of Mrs. J. Bailey Platt, of No. 85 Jefferson avenue, and John Albert Hoag, of South Orange, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Fishback, of Brookings, S. D., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Blanche Fishback, to William G. Creamer, son of Mrs. Horatio M. Creamer, of No. 75 Second Place, Brooklyn. Miss Fishback was graduated from Wellesley in 1909 and is a sister of Mrs. Melville Kennedy, whose husband is attached to the South Congregational Church.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Geiger, of No. 179 Fulton street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Regina Geiger, to Denmore Winslow Chatterton, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Chatterton, of No. 209 Hancock street.

As Miss Virginia Hegeman is frequently seen in society on the Heights, the announcement of her engagement will be received with interest in that section. Her fiancé is Baron Tabor Pannanitzky, of Budapest, Hungary. She is the daughter of Mrs. B. Arrowsmith Hegeman, of No. 145 West 53rd street, Manhattan.

The wedding of Miss Emma Louise Fischer and Ralph Lloyd Potter, of Kansas City, took place on Tuesday evening in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Augustus C. Fischer, No. 375 East 25th street, Flatbush. Pink roses, smilax and palms decorated the drawing room, where the ceremony was performed at 7:30 o'clock by the Rev. Dr. James M. Farrar. Miss Fischer wore an empire gown of white satin and duchess lace and carried a shower of roses and lilies-of-the-valley. Her maid of honor, Miss Mabel Tompkins, was gown in pink satin veiled with chiffon and carried roses. The best man was Lloyd Middlecott, of Kansas City. Mr. and Mrs. Potter will spend several weeks travelling through Canada, after which they will make their home in Kansas City.

A home wedding on Wednesday evening was that of Miss Jessie Rathbun, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Edwin Rathbun, of No. 212 Gates avenue, and William Arthur Drisler. Because of the recent death of the bridegroom's father, Henry Drisler, only relatives witnessed the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. Frank M. Townley. The bride was gown in white satin and marquisette trimmed with pearls. She wore a tulle veil and carried lilies-of-the-valley and orchids. Miss Lillian Rathbun was her sister's only attendant. Her gown was of coral and silver, and she carried sweetpeas. Russell Sloan, of Westfield, N. J., was the best man. The decorations were in green and white.

Miss Edna L. Kitchell was married to Frederick Ensor Hurst, of Summit, N. J., on Wednesday evening in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Shaw Kitchell, No. 49 Macon street. The Rev.

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Y.W.C.A. SUMMER SCHOOL

Persons of Middle Age to Receive Especial Attention.

The Commercial School of the Young Women's Christian Association will hold summer sessions this year. The term will open July 5 and continue through August 15. The school was opened in the Schermerhorn street building sixteen years ago and has met with success. The growth of the work led those in charge to determine upon the summer course. They believe that many young women, free from other school work in the warm months, would like to make use of part of the time at their disposal. The sessions will be from 9 o'clock to noon, five days a week, for the six weeks. The cost of admission to the course will be \$2. Miss Margaret E. Dunbar, principal of the Commercial School, will have charge of the summer classes also.

A peculiar phase of the work of the association is the effort being made to aid the women of advanced years. The opportunities which it holds forth are frequently adapted especially for the middle aged. Youth and strength can present no such mournful aspect as age and weakness. No class in the community is more in need of actual assistance than the class made up of women who have spent their early life without thought of struggle, only to fall into need in their declining years. The association has made an effort to solve the problem presented by this class. The workers have found that most of the middle-aged women who come to them can be fitted by special training to take care of themselves. Most of them need only direction to put to use their unorganized capacities. They have had experience and possess knowledge, perhaps scarcely realized by themselves, eminently worth while from a purely business point of view.

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Again, some of these women have talents which they have exercised only in a haphazard way in their years of ease. To the workers who wish to develop the earning capacities of the women, their knowledge, experience or talents can be used as foundations on which to build. For such women courses have been prepared in housework, cooking, millinery, dressmaking and nursing.

A few months' training prepares them to be excellent nurses. Most of them have had experience with illness, no matter what the previous ways of living. For such many openings exist. They do not draw the pay of nurses regularly trained in hospitals, but many cases do not require the attendance of regular trained nurses. The pay is sufficient to afford at least the necessities of life.

The course in millinery has made it possible for a number of these women to acquire sufficient knowledge to open shops of their own. Others are prepared to teach by the normal course, thus utilizing their previously unproductive early education. Several of the older graduates of the normal course have found employment in the night and vacation schools of the city. From the cooking and other domestic science courses the older women can often go to institutions where their general knowledge and experience fit them especially to be housekeepers.

THE FLORIDA SEMINOLES.
The Seminole Indians of Florida sit, eat, and sleep on platforms raised about three feet from the ground under the roofs of their open houses. In each village, the center of this is a cooking house. Here food is constantly kept on the fire, for there are no hard and fast meal hours. They go about dressed in native costume. The men wear, on ordinary occasions, shirts of deer or caribou colored calico. To this they add, whenever they can obtain one, a derby hat and a few handkerchiefs around the neck. This is their ordinary dress. On gala occasions they wear a turban, made of a shawl held together by a band of hammered silver, and

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Women's \$5.00 Black Moire Pumps, \$3.35

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